

PLACES TO PLUG IN!

Men's Spiritual Growth Group



for all men who want to grow in the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, worship, and witness. **This group meets in the Loft Room at 10:15 AM every Sunday.**

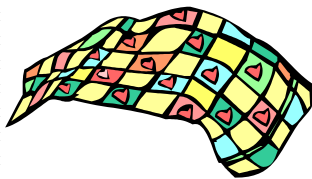
SUNDAY MORNING MOMS AND TOTS

Moms & Tots meet in the **Hospitality Room every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM.**



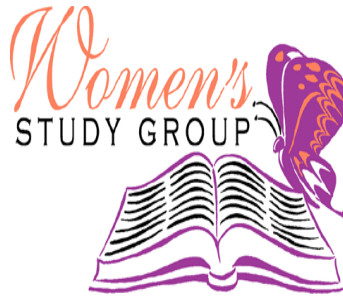
WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

meets every **Wednesday at 10:30 AM** in the **Hospitality Room**



The Quilting Group

meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month. They took **74 quilts** they made to **Lutheran World Relief** this year. Blankets and dark-colored sheets are needed. More helping hands are also needed. Call **Mary Lynn at 301-340-2944** for more information.



WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Are you a woman who is feeling led to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus? Are you looking to build friendships with other women – to pray and study with other women of faith? Are you a woman who wants to explore what being a woman of faith is all about? Then join us for a weekly gathering at the home of **Kathy Thompson each Monday, from 7:30-9pm.** We'll meet each other, have prayer and Bible study and then decide upon future gathering dates and times. Childcare can be arranged if needed. Please call **Jane Thompson, 301-493-5527** or **Krista Vingelis, 301-652-5160** for directions, more info or to arrange childcare.

YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUP



Are you between the ages of **20-30** and wanting to grow in a deeper faith with Jesus? Join us at church for gatherings on **Sundays from 7-9 PM** here at **CLC.** We'll meet each other, have Bible study on the mission of **Christ Lutheran** and how to build a healthy small group. Questions? Interested? Call **Krista Vingelis, Minister of Family & Community Care, at 301-652-5160** or send an e-mail at **kristaclc@heartmindsoul.com.**

La Madeleine Food & Fellowship

Want to eat out with some great folks after Sunday 11:15 Service?

Come to **La Madeleine** with us for good food and fellowship. A group of people from the church meets for lunch at **La Madeleine French Bakery and Café** at **7607 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda** at around **12:30 PM.**



COME JOIN US!

Christ Lutheran Church Choir meets on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM** this year. Please join us by coming to any Thursday night **rehearsal** or talk to **Jin Sun Cho, our Minister of Music,** if you have any questions or concerns.

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

!!!ATTENTION CLCW!!!

Important Dates for Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)

Calling all Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW)!!!
Come on March 4th following the 11:15 service to the Hospitality Room for a meeting with Deaconess Kristen to discuss CLC and CLCW's mission as it relates to small groups. Bring a sandwich. Beverage will be provided.

Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 31, 2001 at the All Faith Chapel, Fellowship Room 9:00-4:30. See separate listing for more details.

Metro D.C. Women's Spring Convention May 5, 2001 at Christ Lutheran Church in Fairfax, VA .

Richard, I thought it might be good to list the following separately because it would be great to have other church women come who are not necessarily part of CLCW. OK?

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

The annual retreat for women of Christ Lutheran Church and their friends will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2001 from 9:00 to 4:30 at Leisure World-All Faith Chapel Fellowship Room . Pastor Wanda McNeil will be the Retreat Leader. The theme is on: Disciples in a Changing Church. The cost is \$15 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Come, bring a friend and enjoy the energizing speaker, discussion and fellowship!!! Register by March 25th - forms are in the Narthex or call Priscilla Lotsberg @ 703-883-2199.

CLCW STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Blessed To Be A Blessing

Lent begins on February 28th! Don't forget to start setting aside your Lenten Self-Denial Offerings. The money will be sent to Lutheran World Relief as a means of honoring our quilters and to provide quilts for the victims of the earthquakes in El Salvador and India. Please bring the money to your April Circle meetings.

Caroline Hass

Women's Circle Groups

meet on a monthly basis at the church and in homes. There are 5 groups that meet. Please contact **Priscilla Lotsberg** at **703-883-2199** or **Joan Enterline** at **301-652-0553** if you would like to join one of our circle groups, or just come to one of our meetings. The groups and their schedules are as follows:

- Alpha Circle: 2nd Tuesday monthly at 12 Noon (church)**
- Rachael Circle: 2nd Tuesday monthly at 7:30 PM
(in individual homes.)**
- Dorcas Circle: 2nd Wednesday monthly at 12:30 PM
(church)**
- Martha Circle: 3rd Tuesday monthly at 10 AM (church)**
- Saturday Circle: 1st Saturday monthly at 9:30 AM
(in individual homes)**

Attention Book Club !!!

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, March 13th, 2001 at the home of Lois Fink, 10401 Grosvenor Place, Rockville, MD** (Phone: 301-493-9116). The book selection is "**The Heart of the Matter**" by Graham Greene. Meetings in 2001 will continue to be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday, March 13: The Heart of the Matter
(Note change in schedule) by Graham Greene

Tuesday, April 10: The Samurai's Garden
by Gail Tsukiyama

Please remember

BETHESDA CARES in your giving. *The homeless are on the streets year-round and the need is great.*

**NOTE: Bethesda Cares has a new address.
Donations can be made out to:**

BETHESDA CARES
4924 Delray Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814.

Other donations, such as vehicles, are most welcome. If you have any questions, call Bev Milton at 301-340-1644.

GODLY STEWARDSHIP

As we continue GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER's walk with God---in prayer, Word, fellowship with Him, and stewardship---we are all praying and learning about the past, present, and future of making disciples for Jesus Christ through Christ Lutheran Church. To reach all those presently in CLC's fold, and those outside CLC's fold, each and every child of God is responsible to be together in prayer and Word, so we are equipped with the Lord's Word and love to minister to each other whether inside or outside our church community. As we walk together through the P.I.E. meetings/information/vision, we pray that each person humbly and earnestly prays for CLC and his/her personal faith commitment and financial commitment -- NOT EQUAL GIVING BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE -- for the present and future life of the mission and ministries of our church.

The Corinthian Christians were challenged to "purpose in their heart that which they should give and to follow through by giving that faithfully". In GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER, the capital stewardship emphasis is not a collection but, rather, an organized way to receive personal commitments. Personal commitments are statements of intention. This emphasis provides a way to register the purpose of one's heart to give over the next three years. A genuine giving commitment should be the result of PRAYER, SACRIFICE, and FAITH.

King David organized the Israelites in a way that ensured wide involvement. Everyone had the opportunity to work and give to the building of the Temple. In Exodus 35, the building of the Tabernacle was accomplished because of the massive involvement of people with individual gifts and abilities.

The success of your GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER capital stewardship campaign involves a large portion of the church in the organizational structure of the campaign. When people are involved, they become members of an enthusiastic team and develop a greater sense of ownership and commitment. They also learn Biblical principles of stewardship, receive personal encouragement, develop supportive relationships, and share their talents and abilities with others. As people become involved in GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER, they become an "owner" of the vision and willing to sacrifice to see the vision fulfilled.

Please pray for, keep on your schedule, and plan to participate in the P.I.E. Meetings, 12-Hour Prayer Vigil, Concert of Prayer, Witness and Celebration Gathering, and Victory Sunday. The Witness and Celebration Gathering and Victory Sunday will be the beginning times for each person to make his/her personal faith commitment and financial commitment. Your CLC Leadership has been and continues to pray for each congregant and his/her commitment to the life of our church.

VERY IMPORTANT! Please remember to complete and return to the church office your P.I.E. response cards with your comments and prayer requests. All prayer requests will be prayed for during our 12-Hour Prayer Vigil on March 9-10, and will continue in prayer in other small groups should you request continued prayer.

Ephesians 2:8-9..."For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

In prayer and Christ's service,
Your GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER Leadership

Graceful Growing Together 2000-2001 Stewardship Initiative Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity and Time</u>
Sunday, February 11 - Sunday, March 11	Prayer, Information, & Encouragement Meetings (P.I.E.)
Sunday, February 18	Concert Of Prayer, 6:00 PM
Sunday, February 25 - Saturday, March 17	<i>Challenge Phase</i>
Friday, March 9 - Saturday, March 10	12-Hour Prayer Vigil
Sunday, March 11	Healing Service, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 13	Leadership Commitment
Saturday, March 17	Reaching The City Through Prayer
Sunday, March 18	Witness & Celebration Gathering
Sunday, March 18	Concert Of Prayer, 6:00 PM
Sunday, March 25	Victory Sunday/First Fruits Offering (All Sunday Services)

AMAZING GRACE, AMAZING GROWTH Graceful Growing Together



For Christ Lutheran Church to continue to grow, to reach and minister to all His people, we must act now to accomplish what God has said to us. The challenge of our ministry is awesome; yet, we believe God is leading us forward. The Graceful Growing Together (GGT) initiative is vital in order for us to move forward in the will of God. In the upcoming weeks you will receive information on **P.I.E (Prayer, Information, & Encouragement)** meetings in which we will share with you the information about the plans, and will ask you to begin to pray concerning your part in this time of advancement.

We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of dividing the congregation into groups based on age, and agreed that parts of the message were targeted for particular generation segments and that division by age was preferred. We are sensitive to the value of cross generation participation and will insure that all other GGT events will mix all generations.

The GGT leadership team has been holding, and will continue to hold, all of the meetings at the Church, with the exception of a session for the elderly at the National Lutheran Home. There are **two (2) meetings** scheduled for each age group – **one Sunday morning from 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**, and a second on **Monday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.** We will also schedule a meeting with our Church youth and a final meeting at the end for all who were unable to attend one of the previously scheduled meetings. The age categories and meeting schedule are as follows.

- **Sunday, February 11th** – age 70+; second meeting held at National Lutheran Home at 4 p.m.
- **Sunday February 18th** – age 55 to 70; second meeting to be held on Monday, February 19th.
- **Sunday February 25th** – age 35 to 55; second meeting to be held on Monday, February 26th.
- **Sunday March 4th** – age 20 to 35, plus college age youth; second meeting Monday, March 5th
- **Meeting with the Church youth** – TBA
- **Final Meeting** for those who could not attend earlier scheduled meetings, will be on **Sunday, March 11, 10:15 – 11:15 am.**

As disciples for Christ, in each and every moment as we walk, with our thoughts/actions/words, pray that we talk together with 1 Cor. 16:13-24..."Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints--that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand--Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen"

PRAYER ROOM



Sundays
9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
Second Floor of Luther Hall

1 Timothy 2:1...First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone.

The Prayer Room will be open for you to spend time in quiet prayer and/or for a prayer minister to pray with you--for prayers of adoration and praise for God, healing, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, intercession for you, your loved ones, our church, community, and world.

"PRAYER...links all aspects of our lives to God. God is present in all of life... PRAYER is centering our life in our relationship with God in Christ and allowing that center to be present in all we do... Christ will be there for rest, guidance, joy, love, and hope. In PRAYER we present our whole life and the lives of other to God, so that God may be known and lives may be touched by GRACE." Richard J. Beckmen

PRAYER BOOKS

Prayer Journal books are available for written prayers for the staff:

Pastor Marvin Tollefson
Deaconess Kristen Baltrum
Krista Vingelis
Jin Sun Cho
Richard Czypinski

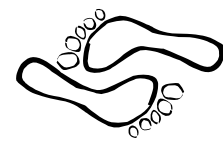
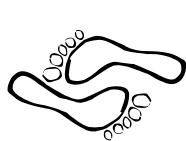


As your walk through the hallways of Luther Hall, at Christ Lutheran Church, first and second floors, in the trays attached to each staff person's door, there is a "Prayer Journal" book. As God speaks to you/leads you, stop by their door to share/write a prayer for each staff person in their "Prayer Journal".

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

“Thy word is a
lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto
my path.”

Psalm 119:105



PAHFINDERS

An experience in Sunday morning
Christian Education for children

takes place at 10:15 AM
every Sunday

Announcing

World Day of Prayer 2001

Sponsored by Church Women
United

Date: **Friday, March 2, 2001**

Place: **Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, MD**

Time: **10:00 A.M. Coffee and refreshments
10:30 A.M. Celebration begins**

Theme: **"Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action"**

Program by the Women of Samoa
Everyone is Welcome!



NEW SUNDAY EVENING HEALING SERVICES

Luke 5:24-26

24I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, take your mat, and go on home, because you are healed!" 25And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped to his feet, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. 26Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe. And they praised God, saying over and over again, "We have seen amazing things today."

We are beginning Sunday evening healing services in March, beginning on March. This is an exciting addition to healing ministries already taking place in our midst. We have healing ministries at the church in the work of our two therapists, pastor, and the staff. We are excited about the new service of healing.

MUSIC THAT WILL **WAKE THE DEAD**

And Soothe the Soul

With Live Music
& Video

from the band:
THE JORDAN WADE BAND
Saturday, February 24th
7:00 PM



For more details, call the church
office at 301-652-5160.
or see www.heartmindsoul.com

Coffee, Snacks and
CDs will be available at Cafe Edge

YOU ARE INVITED!

CLC Concert of Prayer



Come Join Us for a
Prayer Concert

SUNDAY,

MARCH 18!

Time: 6:00 PM

Come and experience an awesome evening of
**Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiv-
ing**

Featuring the Music of

NEW DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS FORMED & FORMING

We are excited to announce the successful formation of several new discipleship groups and the need for more! Two are already off and running – The Young Adults & Women's Spirituality Groups. There is also the opportunity for a new Parenting the Young Child Group. If you would like to participate in any of the new groups forming, please talk to the group leader listed or Deaconess Kristen, our small group coordinator.

FORMED

Young Adults – What Does it Mean to Be a Disciple?, Sunday 7-9 PM evening group, Krista Vingelis (see page 2 for more info.)

Women's Spirituality – prayer and study group, Monday evenings 7:30 – 9 PM, Jane Thompson or Krista Vingelis. (see page 2 for more info.)

FORMING

Parenting the Young Child – a daytime class, child-care provided, Jane Thompson, 301-493-5527, or Krista Vingelis, 301-652-5160.

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GIFTS OF HOPE

Many thanks to the congregation and friends of Christ Lutheran Church for their response and contributions to the Gifts of Hope during this past Christmas season. \$1422 was collected for the Gifts of Hope 2000 campaign and sent to the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod to be distributed among local and international organizations. Your participation does make a difference in the lives which are helped by this worthy cause.



Yours in Christ,
Priscilla



The new Altar Flower Chart for 2001 needs people to dedicate altar flowers. The flower chart is on the wall in the narthex entrance to the sanctuary, over by the bookshelf.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; to transform all people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

- ◆ Our vision is to be a community of believers making and baptizing disciples so that Christ's forgiveness and healing can be accomplished in the world.
- ◆ We are a community of believers because God wants us to be something together and represent God with our unified diversity. Our vision is to further God's Kingdom in our midst.